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SUBJ: LAW OF THE SEA (LOS)- REQUEST FOR MINERAL DATA

REF: STATE 148245

THERE IS VERY LITTLE DATA THIS SUBJECT AND FOLLOWING IS
BEST AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS POSED REF TEL.

1. THERE IS MINIMAL MINERAL PRODUCTION IN THE EASTERN
CARIBBEAN, AND SOME DATA CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MINERALS
QUESTIONNAIRE CERP 4291 BRIDGETOWN A-94 JULY 9172, A-101
MAY 1973, AND A-113 JUNE 1973.

2. THERE IS A SMALL REFINERY IN BARBADOS WHICH USES
IMPORTS FROM VENEZUELA. TOTAL PRODUCTION FOR 1972 WAS
982,000 BARRELS AND REFINERY'S AVERAGE ANNUAL PRODUCTION
IS 1,100,000 BARRELS. IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM
PRODUCTS, EXCEPT FOR GASOLENE - BULK OF WHICH IS USED
JDOMESTICALLY - TOTALLED EC\$15 MILLION IN 1971, AND \$14.8
MILLION IN 1972, PRACTICALLY ALL OF WHICH WAS RE-EXPORTED.

3. GENERAL CRUDE OPERATED 4 PRODUCING WELLS IN 1972 -
ALL ONSHORE. 1972 PRODUCTION 30,878 BARRELS. CUMUL-
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ATIVE PRODUCTION THROUGH 1972 WAS 49,678 BARRELS.

GENERAL CRUDE HAS OFFSHORE EXPLORATION RIGHTS IN BARBADOS AND MOST OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN. COMPANY STATES NO NEW WELLS DRILLED IN 1972.

4. NATURAL GAS: TOTAL PRODUCTION FOR 1972 WAS 123,000,000 CU. FT. AVERAGE ANNUAL PRODUCTION IS 121,000,000 CU. FT. THERE ARE 2 WELLS IN BARBADOS, BUT ONLY 1 IS PRESENTLY IN USE. BECAUSE OF NATURAL GAS SHORTAGE, PROPANE IS USED AS AN ADDITIVE.

5. SINCE EASTERN CARIBBEANS IS ALMOST COMPLETELY DEVOID OF MINERAL RESOURCES OR COMMERCIAL FISHING BEDS, IN LOS MATTERS THE AREA IS MORE LIKELY TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT ACCESSION RIGHTS RATHER THAN ANY PROTECTION OF COASTAL WATERS.
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